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Early week prices in New York were unchanged but lower on all sizes in all other locations. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was steady. Demand was slow to at times fairly good with best movement into feature activity. Supplies were fully sufficient to instances ample. Breaking stock prices were lower while check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with a light to moderate demand. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Schedules were full-time and trade sentiment was steady. Light type hen demand offerings were adequate for the mostly good demand. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 5-8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was light to moderate, best into retail features. Supplies were moderate to usually heavy. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and floor stocks were moderate to heavy. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	43-45
LARGE	39-47	41-44
MEDIUM	24-30	27-29
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand slightly improved in some areas and ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light demand. Spent hens were about adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-58	47-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	25-38	30-32
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.00	53.00	36.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	35.00
MIDWEST	50.00	48.50	33.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	55.50	53.50	35.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.80	51.93	34.88

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	10-19-04	10-12-04	10-21-03
Large	22-29	28-35	67-71
Medium	7-11	12-16	63-66

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCTOBER 18, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	27.2	7.1	13.2	12.2	71.5
	Change	-1.0	-6.6	0.8	2.1	0.1	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.0	56.5	18.5	31.4	36.4	170.8
	Change	-0.9	-9.2	3.3	5.1	-1.9	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	82.4	164.3	63.3	121.5	118.7	550.2
	Change	29.2	20.8	-11.4	21.1	5.1	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	53.5	13.5	25.7	37.4	144.2
	Change	-3.8	-4.0	-8.5	1.9	1.7	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	14.9	3.0	5.6	5.0	32.9
	Change	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-3.3	-0.3	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	33.4	6.1	16.5	4.1	64.8
	Change	-0.4	1.9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.3	44.1	34.2	38.7	35.8	176.1
	Change	1.5	3.6	2.0	-4.3	-0.5	1%
Total	Curr Wk	168.7	393.9	145.7	252.6	249.6	1210.5
Percent	Change	2%	2%	-9%	10%	2%	2%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of		
		Cases		Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	1210.5	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	279.4	-3%	35

Total Shell Egg	1489.9	1%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA
165.7	387.6	160.5	230.2	245.8	1189.8

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 16-OCT-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,332,046	30,912	13,550	7,120	2,497	4,549
PW	1,296,158	30,102	12,386	6,675	2,243	4,493
LY	1,217,401	30,792	10,632	5,762	2,286	4,102
% CHG PWK	3	3	9	7	11	1
% CHG LY	9	0	27	24	9	11
2004	50,672,608	1,201,087	487,919	263,575	112,049	173,661
2003	47,960,443	1,170,664	436,626	237,454	96,712	172,009
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	11	16	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.14	41.40	42.13
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.72	37.93	38.76

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 09	OCT 16	OCT 09	OCT 16
	Thousand			
AL	28,953	28,157	19,976	20,451
AR	*29,684	28,681	*23,656	24,930
DE	3,619	3,562	4,644	5,093
FL	1,349	1,349	1,555	1,575
GA	32,751	30,101	25,792	23,176
KY	*6,827	5,839	*5,574	5,753
LA	3,816	3,816	3,655	3,659
MD	8,053	8,090	4,567	5,547
MS	18,194	17,553	15,626	15,942
NC	17,084	16,956	13,669	14,410
OK	6,195	6,220	4,304	4,805
PA	*3,705	3,660	*2,464	2,555
SC	4,267	4,198	4,537	4,435
TX	15,125	13,836	11,105	12,596
VA	6,530	6,091	4,820	4,794
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,561	16,715	*15,014	14,243
19 State Total	*203,713	194,824	*160,958	163,964
Previous Year Total	196,592	187,583	157,612	160,266
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	102	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-Nov-04 is estimated at 149.7 million head. This compares to 151.0 million head the previous week and to 149.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 119.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.02 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/14/04-10/20/04

CURRENT LDS 76.00 FUTURE LDS 27.50 TOTAL LDS 103.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	23.00	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	7.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.75	25.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	44.75	46.00	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	40.00	35.44	37.46	33.49	38.00	40.50
GL W LG	—	40.00	33.50	35.00	28.00	34.00	11.75
GL W MD	24.00	—	22.25	23.75	—	—	7.50
GL W SM	—	22.00	23.50	26.00	18.75	21.33	6.00
GL BR LG	—	41.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	29.57	28.67	23.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	22.00	25.00	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.50	22.00	—	15.20	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-OCT-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	29.9	31.4	-5	20
Boston	3.2	3.4	-6	7
Chicago	62.6	60.6	3	34
Detroit	27.3	25.6	7	8
Kansas City	2.9	2.0	45	-65
Los Angeles	86.4	86.7	0	-6
New Orleans	8.2	9.6	-15	-10
New York	31.8	29.6	7	16
St. Louis	18.4	18.6	-1	19
San Francisco	19.8	19.8	0	-13
Total	290.5	287.3	1	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-OCT-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
Avg Wt	16.00	36.18	24.89	30.54	28.76
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,698	2,663	46	3	4,410
Same wk yr ago	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823
Avg Wt	15.87	34.78	24.92	0.00	27.32
To-date/2004	70,552	104,803	2,120	300	177,775
To-date/2003	77,061	112,289	2,610	554	192,514

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 16-OCT-04						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	575	-7	21.23	(A)	577	21.23
South Atlantic	711	-18	30.38	(A)	713	30.38
North Central	2,191	3	31.90	(A)	2,193	31.90
South Central	389	-17	22.80	(A)	390	22.80
West	313	-3	24.99	(A)	314	24.99
U.S. total	4,179(B)	-5	28.76	8	4,187	28.76
To-date						
2004	177,475(B)			300	177,775	
To-date						
2003	191,960(B)			554	192,514	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 40,000; for the current year to date 2,120,000; for last year to date 2,610,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 16-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827	470
Avg Wt	5.46	3.34	7.81	5.75	6.76
Last week	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782	492
Same wk yr ago	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542	408
Avg Wt	5.26	3.42	8.40	6.12	6.75
To-date/2004	6,430,183	55,879	55,524	111,403	19,155
To-date/2003	6,327,938	60,301	57,796	118,097	16,949

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.4 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/23/04(1)	10/16/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	168,254(2)	168,084
Light hens	1,449	1,336
Heavy hens	1,490	1,521
Total	171,193	170,941

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Oct-04 is 163.9 million head compared to 161.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.6 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Oct-04 the estimated available is 163.4 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September	11	151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
	18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
	25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October	2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
	9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
	16	163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
Year to date		6508.3	6620.9	98%	
October	23		163.9		
	30		163.4		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of

18-OCT-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.13	44	61.59	82	
Los Angeles	82.00	79.52	62	72.75	162	
New York	61.00-64.00	62.59	27	63.86	48	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
18-OCT-2004	11-OCT-2004	11-OCT-2004	20-OCT-2003
67.90	-1.82	69.72	63.82
NUMBER OF LOADS	620		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-80	76-77	76.40	200
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	76-76.5	76.20	200
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	76-77	76-77	76.33	240
CENTRAL REGION	75-77	76	76.00	120
WESTERN REGION	76-77	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)		Processed other	
		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS
AM	10/18/04	3,547	171,090
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984
CHG		272	-11894
PCT CHG		8%	-7%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of

18-OCT-04			WTD. AVG
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.43
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7-14.5 CENTS/LB.	10-11	10.84

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

15-Oct-04	REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-10	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-8	

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 16-Oct-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	234.4	-1	9
East North Central	539.5	-3	0
West North Central	278.4	-4	1
South Atlantic	217.3	-1	-3
South Central	68.8	5	-2
West	176.0	-14	-11
Total	1514.4	-4	0
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

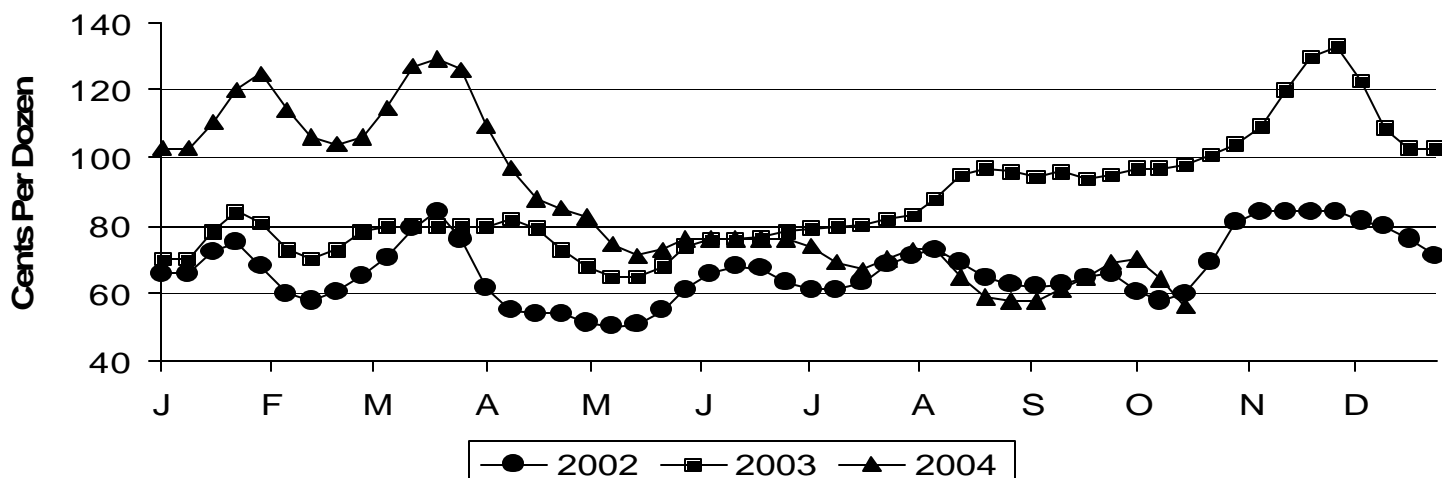
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

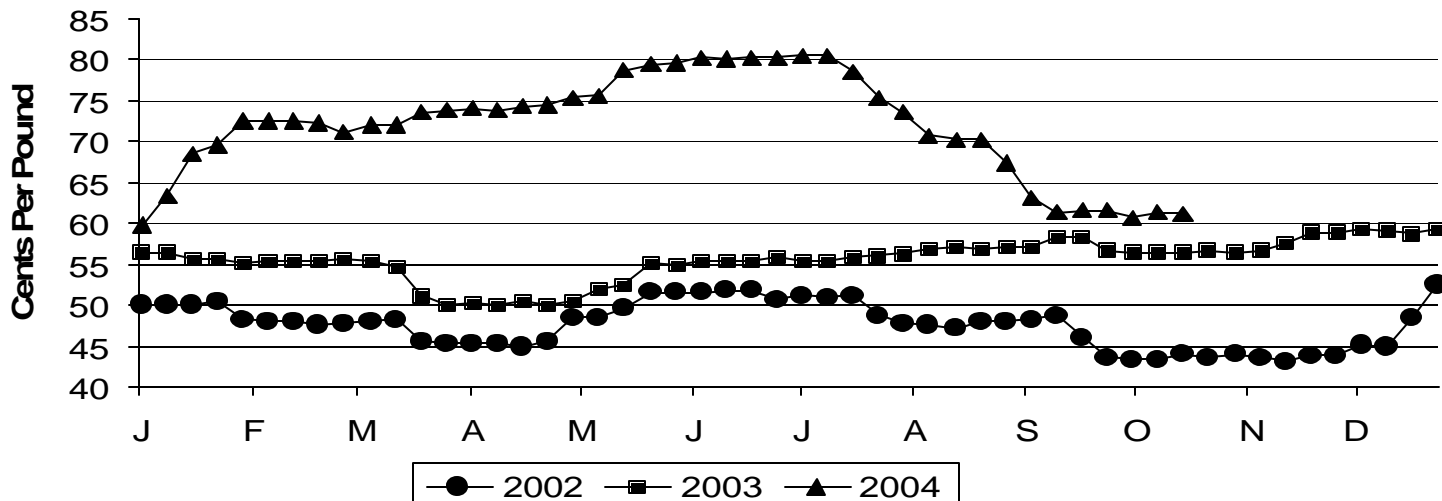
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

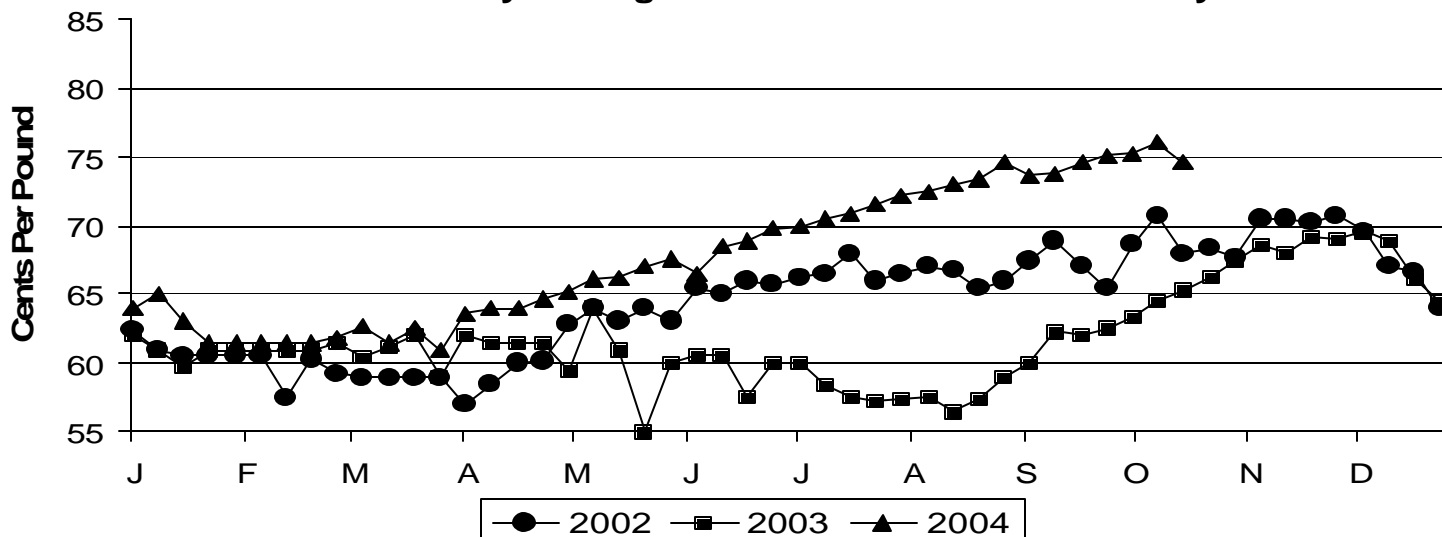
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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